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DETAILED ACTION

1. This action is responsive to the amendment filed on 9/17/2007.

This action is made Non-Final.

2. In the amendment, claims 1-2, and 5-12 are pending in the case. Claims 1, and 7-12 are independent claims.

Priority

3. Acknowledgment is made of applicant's claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d), and based on application # 11 076598 filed in Japan on 3/19/1999, which papers have been placed of record in the file.

Drawings

4. The drawings filed on 3/10/2000 have been approved by the examiner.

Response to Arguments

5. The amendment filed on 9/17/2007 canceling all claims drawn to the elected invention and presenting only claims drawn to a non-elected invention is non-responsive (MPEP § 821.03). The remaining claims are not readable on the elected invention because they are directed towards GUI screens classified in 715/700+, and not the previous scenes (715/500.1,

501.1), which could be contained within a GUI screen. Thus the remaining claims are not directed towards previously elected subject matter of multimedia scene content.

Since the above-mentioned amendment appears to be a *bona fide* attempt to reply, applicant is given a TIME PERIOD of ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS, whichever is longer, from the mailing date of this notice within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) ARE AVAILABLE.

Conclusion

I. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Cesar B. Paula whose telephone number is (571) 272-4128. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (EST).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Stephen Hong, can be reached on (571) 272-4124. However, in such a case, please allow at least one business day.

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